

Minutes of BFCMA meeting on Tuesday 19th March 2024
Hybrid meeting

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Present

Members online in **bold**.

Dennis	Milligan	Chair	Dennis Milligan Associates
John	Dyson		Exodraft
Phil	Cleaver		Federation of British Chimney Sweeps
Chris	Geeves		Federation of British Chimney Sweeps
Jonathon	Burrell		Forterra
John	Stone		GOMCS
Alan	Young		HETAS
Mark	Culley		M&G Group
Thomas	Jenkins		Midtec Products Limited
Richard	Harrison		Mi-Flues Ltd
Andy	Mathews		OFTEC
Ian	Torr		Premier Flue Ltd
Mark	Dunks		Premier Flue Ltd
Howard	Beadnell		Schiedel Chimney Systems Limited
Jason	Lee		SFL Flues & Chimneys
Stuart	Steel		Wavin Ltd
Chris	Yates		FETA
Martyn	Cooper	Secretary of BFCMA	BFCMA

Please read these minutes in conjunction with the slide pack attached.

1 Welcome and introducing any guests.

2 To note the FETA Competition Law Guidelines

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3 Minutes of the Zoom meeting held on 7th December 2023

3.1 Minutes were approved.

3.2 Matters arising not covered on this agenda.

None

Technical

4 Reports from BSi Committees

Mark Culley gave an input on BSI committee work. This is detailed in the attached Appendix 1. The Chair expressed some surprise that there was not more work on filters. Richard Harrison noted that manufacturers were not pushing for this.

5 Report on European Standards

Howard Beadnell gave his input on European Standards. This information was covered in the ECA report recently circulated to members. This will be attached with the minutes.

HB noted that there will be a move to digital passports for products, with a QR code on a label accessing full information.

HB also pointed out that he will be standing down from his chairmanship, and a replacement will be needed. He is focussing on important committees.

6 prEN 15287-1 and 2 & UK Annex

There was much discussion about this topic.

DM wanted the revised Annex to be part of the review of Document J.

HB said that he needed a couple of months before he could commit to the review of the Annex.

Plenary

7 RHE/13 Representation

This committee is looking for input from BFCMA. The Chair asked if this was relevant.

Andy Matthews felt it was important to have communication BFCMA. The Chair agreed to be the link with this committee.

8 Indoor Air Quality (Slides 8-9)

It was noted that the FETA IAQ group has been reformed.

The Chair shared an IAQ fact sheet for stoves which he has written. SIA and HETAS have commented, and members made a number of comments. DM will send this to OFTEC for final comments and will issue final version by end of month.

[A draft is included in the slide pack]

John Dyson mentioned he had a number of reports on IAQ relevant to stoves and flues. He will forward to DM.

ACTION: JD

RH expressed concerns that further negative comments on stoves could push consumers away from using them. He also noted that many installers fit stoves, but do not offer any further support. Phil Cleaver felt that negative comments could demonise solid fuels. Chris Yates observed that the BSR was not that interested in this topic.

9 Chimney Associations

DM presented to APICS in January and is presenting at the Guild of Chimney Sweeps conference and will be highlighting the work of BFCMA.

10 Wood Burning emissions (Slide 11)

DEFRA have announced reductions in emissions from wood burning stoves. RH expressed concerns if things were to go the other way.

11 Liaison with External Committees (Slide 13)

The next meeting with HSE, DLUHC & DESNZ will be in April. DM will circulate the meeting notes. We should have an update on Document J at the meeting.

12 Flues in prefabricated chimney breasts (Slides 14-16)

DM wanted to know if members were comfortable with the current situation or if they wanted DM to take resolution forward with HETAS & OFTEC. RH noted that there was guidance across Europe on this, and there is a DIN standard in Germany, but the situation in the UK was different.

HB stated that ventilation is key, and the chimney needs fire stopping measures. He also felt we needed a HETAS view on this, as did RH. DM will write to HETAS and OFTEC on this, and Alan Young agreed to raise it with Calvin May.

ACTION: DM

13 Any other business

None

14 Next meetings

Thurs 11 Jul, Tues 10 Dec

Members suggested that the July meeting should be face to face.

Chair..... Date.....